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Before the Federal Communications Commission
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In the Matter of:

Request for Waiver by Richton School District of
September 30, 2000 Program Year 2 Internal
Connection Installation Deadline

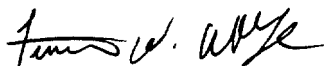
Federal Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket No. 96-45

Changes to the Board of Directors of the
National Exchange Carrier Association CC Docket No. 97-21

Richton School District, Entity Number 128690, Funding Request Number(s) 0000187169 and 0000186922 requests Waiver of the Universal Service Program Year Two internal connection deadline of September 30, 2000 for the following reasons:

1. Delays in receipt of the initial ERATE approval letter resulted in significant changes in the price of and availability of items initially requested. This resulted in the need to redo much of the paperwork. (see attachments).
2. Richton Schools was dependent on the reimbursement of funds from telecommunications services to pay for internal connections. We were not able to proceed with orders until funds were released to the district.
3. We implemented the project in waves to insure adequate funds to complete each state. Items in this request for Waiver were ordered after completion of our campus wiring. Wiring our campus was delayed for "various" reasons by the vendor.
4. As mentioned in item "1", we also encountered delays such as having to "redo" product list, and account managers had changed at one of the companies. This resulted in them having no records of our bid. This situation added to our delays.
5. See attachments.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of September, 2000



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ATTACHMENT 1



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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Due to complications in scheduling between Venture Technologies and Richton School District, the second year E-Rate cabling project will be delayed 6-8 weeks. We are sorry for this inconvenience.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Williams", is written over a horizontal line.

Tom Williams
Educational Account Manager



MAC WAREHOUSE, MICRO WAREHOUSE AND DATA COMM WAREHOUSE

**Tim Wolfe
Richton School District
701 Elm Street
Richton, MS 39476**

September 28, 2000

Dear Tim,

This letter will confirm our earlier telephone conversation. As you are aware, your previous Micro Warehouse Account Manager, Dylan Williams, left the company toward the end of 1999.

It is my understanding, as your new Account Manager, that your original quote and proposal for E-rate was initially handled by him but because of his departure was left undone until I was officially appointed as your Account Manager back in June of 2000. At that time, it was necessary for us to rework the quote due to product changes and price differences.

Hopefully all is now in order. If you have any questions or require additional help, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,


Jonathan McClure

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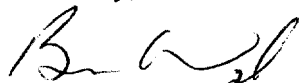
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The original bid for Richton School District's Year 2 ERATE application (July 1, 1999--->June 30, 2000) was completed in April of 1999. Approval of the ERATE packaged was not received until November 1999. Given monetary concerns, all projects could not be completed immediately. First priority was given to having the campus wired. Since some of the monies from the telecommunications discounts were to be used to fund these projects, implementation of the internal connections projects were delayed until Feb. 2000. Additional delays were encountered in that several of the items originally bid were replaced with different items, wiring the campus started late and took longer than anticipated, prices had significantly changed, and account representatives had changed. As a result of the changes, issuance of Purchase Orders was delayed pending review to insure compliance with state purchasing law and audit criteria. In light of these delays, we respectfully request an extension past Sept. 30th 2000 for our ERATE Application.

Sincerely,



Bruce Weigle, Ph. D.
Superintendent
Richton School District